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Special Agenda Minutes

Wednesday, July 21, 2010



A special meeting of the Santa Barbara Sister Cities Board was called to order by Chairperson, Takako Wakita, at noon on Wednesday, July 21, 2010. The Recording Secretary called the roll, with the following members in attendance: Takako Wakita, Chairperson; Wayne Hewitt, Vice Chairperson; Janet Baker, Recording Secretary; Marianne Freeman, Dingle, Ireland; David Gorbet and Barbara Ellis, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; Linda Mathew, Toba, Japan; Dr. Peter Haslund, Weihai, China; and George Lilly, Kotor, Montenegro. Linda Gunther, Staff Representative, was also in attendance. No representative from San Juan, Phillipines was present.

Guests: Mrs. George Lilly, Theona Condos and seven delegates from the proposed Sister City of Patras, Greece.

Minutes of the May 5, 2010 meeting were approved as corrected on a motion duly made, seconded and carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Annual Report - Takako announced it was submitted on time, however, no report was received from San Juan.

Website Update - The Kotor information has been added to the City's Sister Cities website; however, we still need pictures. The Toba website also needs a new picture.

Cyclists for Cultural Exchange, May 26 - Takako said she attended the pot-luck dinner.

Book Written by Dr. Haslund - Dr. Haslund said the book is about the ten High School teachers from Santa Barbara who went to Weihai to teach conversational English. They taught classes in the very best High School in Weihai and 22 of the students scored the highest scores when tested by the National Government and 18 of those 22 students were ours. The government was very excited and would like to send some teachers to Santa Barbara. The book is about why these students did so well.

Community TV (Channel 17) - This is still a work in progress.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2010: Reviewed; An addition of an organizational meeting for Dingle, Ireland scheduled for August 31st was added to the calendar.

9/11 CONCERT: Plans were discussed for the 9/11 Concert to be held at the Unitarian Society at 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 11. The entertainment being

planned will be by the Santa Barbara Music Club and the Sister Cities Board. Reception will follow the concert and will be provided by the Sister Cities Board. Marianne Freeman volunteered to provide the punch again this year, and Janet Baker and Wayne Hewitt will assist with the set up. Each Sister City is asked to provide one plate of finger food. Dr. Haslund will provide the flags for the stage. Linda Mathews reported that the Santa Barbara Trust for Historical Preservation will be having a festival that day from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Casa del Aguerra if anyone is interested in attending.

UNITED NATIONS DAY CELEBRATION, OCTOBER 21, 2010: Takako reported she had paid the rental fee for the use of the Cabrillo Art Pavillion on behalf of the Board for four hours, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. A discussion was held on assigning duties for the event. Dr. Haslund suggested a committee be formed to work on these plans. The Committee will be Takako Wakita, Dr. Haslund, and Linda Mathews. The Committee will meet before the September Board meeting.

PROPOSAL FOR NEW SISTER CITY IN PATRAS, GREECE: Takako introduced Theona Condos, spokesperson for the Patras, Greece, committee. Ms. Condos had submitted copies of their proposal and representatives were given a copy at the Board meeting in May to take back to their committees for discussion and be prepared to vote at the July meeting. Theona thanked the Board members who attended their first organizational meeting and said they appreciated their input and advice. She also invited everyone to the Greek Festival at Oak Park the end of July and announced that they plan to have a booth there to promote Patras as a Sister City. Takako asked if there were any questions and after discussion she called for a vote. On a motion duly made, seconded and carried it was approved to recommend to City Council for final approval to make Patras, Greece, Santa Barbara's seventh Sister City.

LIBRARY DISPLAY CASE: Takako reported she had contacted the Library and the rules have changed and she has to submit an application to request space, which she has submitted. Janet Baker reported that when she visited the Goleta Library recently she noticed that the display case was empty and suggested we might consider having a display there again. Takako said she would check into when it would be available and discuss it at next meeting.

ESTABLISHING SISTER CITY CORNER IN MAIN LIBRARY - Dr. Peter Haslund reported it is still a work in progress.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

Kotor, Montenegro: George Lilly presented a video of the Culinary Arts student exchange to Kotor and pictures of the Water Polo Team from Kotor visiting UCSB for a match.

Puerto Vallarta, Mexico: David Gorbet reported he just finished the student exchange with eight students going to Puerto Vallarta and a picnic was held to welcome them.

back and to welcome the students from Puerto Vallarta. The Cinco de Mayo was not too successful this year due in part to the economy. The Golf Tournament was successful and the Committee plans to make it an annual event. Plans are being made for the arrival of guests from Puerto Vallarta on July 23rd.

Weihai, China: Dr. Haslund reported that they are planning to host a party this summer for a young woman who spent her Senior year at Beijing University and is coming back to UCLA. Also, the Committee is planning a wine tour this summer.

Toba, Japan: Linda Mathews reported a pool party is planned for August 1st at the home of Gary Maxwell to welcome the students from Toba. Students from Santa Barbara will be leaving for Toba in August. A delegation of approximately 20 people will be arriving from Toba in October.

San Juan, Phillipines: No report.

Dingle, Ireland: Marianne Freeman reported an organizational meeting is planned for August 31st and the Committee is also working on a possible trip to Dingle in the Spring.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Baker, Recording Secretary